

SENATE BILL 2659

By Bailey

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56,
relative to authority to provide insurance plans for
vision services.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56, Chapter 30, is amended by adding the following new section:

Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, subject to approval by the commissioner, a nonprofit dental service corporation has the authority to provide plans and policies for vision services in this state in the same manner as nonprofit corporations organized under chapter 27, 28, or 29 of this title, or an insurance company properly qualified in this state to write accident, health, or disability insurance. In order for a nonprofit dental service corporation to provide plans and policies for vision services in this state, the nonprofit dental service corporation must not provide vision services in any other state and must comply with §§ 56-31-111 - 56-31-118, 56-31-121, and 56-31-123 - 56-31-129.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 56-31-106, is amended by deleting the language "chapter 27, 28 or 29" and substituting instead the language "chapter 27, 28, 29, or 30".

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.